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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ROBERT J. SMITH, JR. and RICHARD L. SMITH  
Invention: LOCKING QUICK RELEASE DEVICE  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August, 27, 2004, please amend the above identified application wherein:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 and includes a new figure.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.